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WASHINGTON, August 27, 1992 -- For the first time in seven weeks, carload freight traffic edged ahead of year-earlier figures during the week ended August 22, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Overall, loadings totaled 341,231 during the week ended August 22, up 0.4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier. Loadings were up 4.7 percent in the West, but down 3.5 percent in the East.

Intermodal traffic, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 135,200 trailers and containers, up 6.6 percent from last year. The AAR estimated total freight traffic at 21.6 billion ton-miles, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding 1991 week.

Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department, noted that "the weekly increase in intermodal traffic represents a steady trend throughout 1992. Cumulative is up 7.7 percent for the year, and that's a reflection of the excellent service being offered by rail-truck partnerships."

For the first 34 weeks of 1992, carloadings totaled 10,934,193, up 1.5 percent from the first 34 weeks of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 4,245,594 trailers and containers, up 7.7 percent. Cumulative ton-miles were estimated at 688.9 billion, up 3.4 percent from the first 34 weeks of 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal traffic.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,496	27,096	1.5 %	25,333	8.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,014	742	36.7	1,038	-2.3
Metallic Ores	19,358	17,444	11.0	19,344	0.1
Coal	132,665	136,177	-2.6	129,114	2.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,651	15,362	1.9	16,404	-4.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,438	9,284	-9.1	9,240	-8.7
Grain Mill Products	10,170	10,599	-4.0	10,210	-0.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,298	9,039	2.9	9,358	-0.6
Primary Forest Products	9,190	9,188	0.0	8,968	2.5
Lumber & Wood Products	5,847	5,548	5.4	5,564	5.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,816	10,095	-2.8	10,490	-6.4
Chemicals	29,124	27,257	6.8	28,048	3.8
Petroleum Products	6,032	5,551	8.7	6,009	0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,903	9,853	0.5	9,913	-0.1
Coke	5,508	5,416	1.7	5,895	-6.6
Metals & Products	9,300	9,650	-3.6	9,436	-1.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,502	15,883	3.9	16,288	1.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,889	8,198	8.4	8,838	0.6
All Other Carloads	7,030	7,509	-6.4	6,896	1.9
Total	341,231	339,891	0.4 %	336,386	1.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 34 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 22, 1992		
	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	341,231	339,891	0.4 %	10,934,193	10,773,728	1.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,045	64,247	4.4	2,099,414	2,027,349	3.6
Containers	68,155	62,634	8.8	2,146,180	1,915,160	12.1
Total	135,200	126,881	6.6	4,245,594	3,942,509	7.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.6	21.2	1.9 %	688.9	666.0	3.4 %